GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1840
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IDENTIFICATION OF SARASWATI RIVER
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have set up any high powered committee of historians and experts to locate the source of origin of Saraswati river and the places it passed through;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the said committee is likely to submit its report to the Government; and

(d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have constituted an Advisory Committeeof experts for the multi-disciplinary study of the Sarasvati. The Committee`s Charter is to locate the source of the river, define its course, and identify items for geo-technical study and archaeological research.

(c) & (d) The tenure of the Advisory Committee is for two years. As of now, the only expenditure incurred has been on the travel and stay of the Non-Official members. The Committee could submit interim reports any time within the said period of two years.